



CONSTITUTION OF THE ASSOCIATED STUDENTS
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PREAMBLE

We, the students of The University of Arizona, in order to provide a representative student government, hereby form the Associated Students of the University of Arizona (ASUA) and establish this Constitution. ASUA serves to ensure the articulation of student voices and interests in governance of the university, to organize student involvement, and to advocate for and administer programs, services, and resources that benefit the University of Arizona student body. Created and approved by the students of the University of Arizona, this document hereby establishes ASUA as the recognized governing authority of the University of Arizona student body.

Article I Name, Membership, and Purpose

Section 1. Name

The name of the association under which this Constitution is formed shall be the Associated Students of the University of Arizona, herein referred to as ASUA.

Section 2. Membership

Membership shall consist of all students currently registered at the University of Arizona. All qualifying students, as defined in this section, shall be collectively referred to as the Student Body.

Section 3. Purpose

The purpose of ASUA is to serve as the official representative voice of the student body and to advance student interests through leadership, service, and advocacy. Specifically, ASUA exists:

- a. To represent the collective voice and interests of the University of Arizona students.
- b. To serve as a channel of communication between students, faculty, administration, and the broader university community.
- c. To strengthen relationships between students and the Tucson community through outreach, service, and partnership.
- d. To promote transparency, inclusion, and student empowerment in all areas of university life.

Article II

Qualifications of Officers and Elections

Section 1. Qualifications of Officers

Students seeking elected, appointed, or hired positions within ASUA must meet the following qualifications at the time of declaring candidacy, appointment, or hiring, and must maintain these qualifications throughout their term of service:

- a. Must be a current member of ASUA, as defined in Article I, Section 2.
- b. Must be in good academic and disciplinary standing with the University of Arizona.
- c. Must meet all extracurricular eligibility requirements as defined by the University of Arizona.
- d. Must not hold more than one elected, appointed, or hired position within ASUA simultaneously.
- e. Additional eligibility requirements and procedures are outlined in the ASUA Elections Code.
- f. All ASUA officers, Senators, Directors, and hired positions must maintain a cumulative grade point average (GPA) of at least 2.50 on a 4.0 scale. The ASUA President, Executive Vice President, and Administrative Vice President must maintain a cumulative GPA of at least 3.00 on a 4.0 scale. GPA shall be certified by the University Registrar at the time of candidacy and monitored throughout the term of service.
- g. Failure to maintain eligibility shall result in removal from office, subject to the appeal procedures outlined in the ASUA Bylaws.
- h. Must be enrolled in and maintain at least six (6) credit hours per semester for undergraduate students, or three (3) credit hours per semester for graduate/professional students.

Section 2. Elections

All ASUA elections shall be administered in accordance with the ASUA Elections Code and under the supervision of the ASUA Elections Commission.

- a. General elections shall be conducted annually during the spring semester, in accordance with the procedures outlined in the ASUA Elections Code.
- b. No elections shall be held during the summer semester or official University academic breaks.
- c. All election-related provisions and procedures shall be governed by the ASUA Elections Code, as adopted and amended by the ASUA Senate.
- d. Any revisions to the Elections Code must be finalized prior to the end of the fall semester.

Article III Terms of Office

Section 1. Terms of Office

The term of office for all ASUA elected officials shall commence on the Monday following graduation at the end of the spring semester and shall continue for one full year.

Article IV Non-Discrimination and Inclusion Policy

Section 1. Inclusion Policy

ASUA is committed to adhering to the University of Arizona's non-discrimination and anti-harassment policies. ASUA will not discriminate on the basis of race, color, religion, sex, national origin, age, disability, veteran status, sexual orientation, gender identity, or genetic information in any of its policies, procedures, and practices. This policy will include, but is not limited to, recruiting, membership, organizational activities, or the opportunity to hold office.

Article V Executive Branch

Section 1. Executive Board

The ASUA Executive Board shall consist of three elected officers: ASUA President, ASUA Executive Vice President, and ASUA Administrative Vice President. These officers shall collectively lead the Executive Branch of ASUA.

Section 2. ASUA President

The ASUA President shall serve as the chief executive officer of ASUA, represent the student body to the University administration and external stakeholders, and oversee the operations of ASUA in collaboration with the Executive and Legislative Branches. The President shall ensure the effective execution of ASUA's mission, advocate for student needs, and carry out other duties as prescribed in the Bylaws.

The responsibilities and powers of the ASUA President shall include:

- a. Representing the student body and leading ASUA in alignment with its mission.
- b. Oversee the Presidential Cabinet and Presidential Council.
- c. Enforce all legislation passed by the ASUA Senate.
- d. Creating an annual plan and balanced budget to be presented to the ASUA Senate at the start of each academic year.

- e. Appointing key student leaders and representatives to university committees and community groups.
- f. Calling special meetings of the Senate and attending regular meetings of the Arizona Board of Regents.
- g. Creating new ASUA programs, services, or committees as needed.
- h. Requesting reports from any ASUA branch or officer.
- i. Exercising veto power over Senate legislation within five (5) academic class days; vetoes may be overridden by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the Senate. Any legislation not signed or vetoed within five (5) class days shall be considered passed.
- j. Delegating responsibilities and ensuring the effective daily operations of the Executive Branch.
- k. In the President's absence, duties shall pass to the Executive Vice President, then to the Administrative Vice President. If both are unavailable, a temporary replacement may be appointed by the Senate or ASUA Advisor.

Section 3. ASUA Executive Vice President

The Executive Vice President shall preside over the ASUA Senate and serve as its chair. The Senate shall always be presided over by the Executive Vice President, or in their absence, the Senate Co-Chair or Senate Secretary, in order of succession. The EVP shall oversee Senate operations, ensure adherence to legislative procedures, and support student representation within the University community. The EVP shall also perform other duties as prescribed in the Bylaws.

The responsibilities and powers of the ASUA Executive Vice President shall include:

- a. Assisting the President in executive duties and assuming the President's role when absent.
- b. Coordinating all Senate committees and establishing subcommittees as needed.
- c. Presiding over Senate meetings, voting only in the event of a tie, and not counted toward quorum.
- d. Calling special Senate meetings independently or with any three (3) Senators.
- e. Collaborating with the ASUA Advisor to track and manage senate funding.
- f. Advocating for student interests and organizations.

Section 4. ASUA Administrative Vice President

The Administrative Vice President shall oversee ASUA Programs and Services, advocate for the student directors who lead these areas, and ensure that these programs operate effectively to serve the needs of the student body. The AVP shall support program accountability, resource allocation, and strategic growth in alignment with ASUA's mission. The AVP shall also perform other duties as prescribed in the Bylaws.

The responsibilities and powers of the ASUA Administrative Vice President shall include:

- a. Overseeing and supporting all ASUA programs, services, and activities under their leadership.
- b. Appointing directors of programs and services, in accordance with the ASUA Constitution.
- c. Directing the first-year Student Government Internship program.
- d. Developing and implementing new programs and services aligned with ASUA's mission.
- e. Leads programming events and opportunities, to support national, campus, and ASUA initiatives.
- f. Assisting the President in fulfilling the responsibilities of the Executive Branch.

Section 5. Chiefs of Staff

Chiefs of Staff may be appointed at the discretion of the ASUA President, Executive Vice President, or Administrative Vice President. Chiefs of Staff shall assist their respective Executive Officers in carrying out official duties and support the coordination and implementation of ASUA initiatives, programs, and operations.

Article VI Advisors

Section 1: Advisor Collaboration

The ASUA Advisor, or their designee, shall serve in a non-voting, advisory capacity to all branches and entities of ASUA. The Advisor provides guidance, institutional knowledge, and professional expertise to support student leadership. Advisor input shall be meaningfully considered in decision-making to promote ethical, sustainable, and policy-aligned practices, while preserving student-led governance.

Article VII Legislative Branch

Section 1. Composition and Membership

- a. The ASUA Senate shall be led and chaired by the ASUA Executive Vice President.
- b. The ASUA Senate shall be composed of nineteen (19) elected senators and one (1) ex-officio ASUA staff member, ASUA Director or designee. Senators shall be elected by their respective colleges. The entire student body shall elect at-large senators.

The ASUA Senate shall have one (1) Senator elected from each of the following sixteen (16) academic colleges:

- A. College of Agriculture, Life & Environmental Sciences
- B. College of Architecture, Planning & Landscape Architecture
- C. College of Education

- D. College of Engineering
- E. College of Fine Arts
- F. W.A. Franke Honors College
- G. College of Humanities
- H. College of Information Science
- I. Eller College of Management
- J. College of Medicine
- K. College of Nursing
- L. Wyant College of Optical Sciences
- M. R. Ken Coit College of Pharmacy
- N. Mel & Enid Zuckerman College of Public Health
- O. College of Science
- P. College of Social & Behavioral Sciences

In addition, there will be three (3) At-Large Senators elected by the student body.

Section 2: Duties of the Senate

- a. The Senate shall hold regular meetings as stipulated in the ASUA Bylaws.
- b. All Senate Meetings shall comply with Arizona Revised Statutes, herein referred to as ARS 38-431.01, regarding open meetings.
- c. Any three (3) voting members of the Senate shall be able to call a special meeting in accordance with the Arizona Revised Statutes (ARS).
- d. The Senate shall maintain accurate records of its proceedings, which shall be made accessible to the student body and further detailed in the Senate Bylaws.
- e. The Senate must adopt Bylaws and Operating Guidelines before the start of any legislative session. The Senate may act to change, add, or delete any Operating Guideline or Bylaw at any time during the legislative session.
- f. The Senate shall elect a Co-Chair from among its membership. The Co-Chair shall preside over Senate meetings in the absence of the Executive Vice President or when the Executive Vice President voluntarily yields the chair, consistent with parliamentary procedure.
- g. The Senate shall establish and maintain Standing Committees to support its legislative duties and ensure the effective operation of ASUA. The specific committees and their respective responsibilities are outlined in the ASUA Senate Bylaws.
- h. The Senate shall elect from its membership a Senate Secretary, who shall serve as an alternate to the Senate Co-Chair. In the event that both the Executive Vice President and the Senate Co-Chair are unavailable to chair a meeting, the Senate Secretary shall assume the chairperson's role. All Senate meetings must be presided over by either the Executive Vice President or one of the designated Senators.
- i. The Senate shall approve an Elections Code prior to the last meeting of the Senate for the Fall semester.
- j. A quorum, defined as two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of all voting members, excluding the Executive Vice President.

Section 3: Power of the Senate

- a. The Senate shall propose and consider all legislation, including, but not limited to, Senate

- policies.
- b. The Senate shall be responsible for approving a balanced operating budget submitted by the Student Body President in accordance with this Constitution.
 - c. No individual Senate project shall be considered an official ASUA project without formal Senate recommendation.
 - d. All powers necessary for the proper functioning of the legislative branch shall be vested in the Senate, unless otherwise stated in this Constitution.

Section 4: Legislative Purview

All legislative powers herein granted shall be vested in the ASUA Senate. The Senate shall be subject to veto only by the ASUA President, which may be overridden by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the full Senate. See Article VI, Section 2.

Article VIII Judicial Branch

Section 1: The ASUA Supreme Court

- a. The judicial power of ASUA shall be vested in one Supreme Court.
- b. The Supreme Court shall have jurisdiction over any Constitutional disputes of interpretation. Decisions announced by the Supreme Court shall be final.
- c. The Supreme Court shall be composed of five (5) University of Arizona law students appointed by the ASUA President for the duration of their law school attendance at the University of Arizona. One member of the Supreme Court shall be appointed Chief Justice.
- d. At the request of an Executive Officer or a member of the ASUA Senate, the Supreme Court may issue advisory opinions on matters arising from ASUA actions or those of its members.
- e. The Supreme Court shall establish and abide by the Rules of Procedure, which outline its operational guidelines. The ASUA Senate and the ASUA President shall approve the Rules of Procedure.
- f. All members of ASUA shall have the authority to request that the Supreme Court deliver an opinion on any Constitutional issue.

Article IX Vacancies

Section 1. Executive Vacancies

- a. In the event of a vacancy in the office of the ASUA President:
 - i. The Executive Vice President shall assume the role of President for the remainder of the term.
- b. If the Executive Vice President position becomes vacant:
 - i. The Administrative Vice President shall assume the role of Executive Vice President.

- c. If both the President and Executive Vice President positions become vacant simultaneously:
 - i. The Administrative Vice President shall assume the role of President.
 - ii. The ASUA Senate shall appoint an interim Executive Vice President by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote.
- d. Timing Provisions:
 - i. If an executive vacancy occurs before November 1, a special election shall be held in accordance with the ASUA Elections Code.
 - ii. If an executive vacancy occurs on or after November 1 but before the start of the spring general election cycle, it shall be filled by appointment and confirmation, as outlined above.
 - iii. If an executive vacancy occurs during or after the spring general election cycle, the vacancy shall be filled by appointment for the remainder of the term, and the successor shall be determined through the regular election process.

Section 2. Senate Vacancies

- a. Vacancies in the ASUA Senate shall be declared by the Executive Vice President and filled in accordance with the procedures outlined in the ASUA Elections Code.
- b. Any student appointed or elected to fill a Senate vacancy must meet all eligibility requirements as outlined in this Constitution and the ASUA Bylaws.
- c. Appointments to the Senate must be confirmed by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the ASUA Senate at a meeting where quorum is met.
- d. All individuals filling vacancies shall serve the remainder of the unexpired term.

Section 3. Judicial Vacancies

- a. Vacancies within the ASUA Supreme Court shall be filled by presidential appointment, subject to confirmation by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of the ASUA Senate.
- b. Appointees must meet all qualifications as specified in the ASUA Constitution and Bylaws.

Section 4. General Provisions

- a. All appointments to fill vacancies must be made within thirty (30) days of the vacancy occurring.
- b. Individuals appointed to fill vacancies shall serve for the remainder of the unexpired term and must meet all eligibility requirements as outlined in Article II, Section 1.
- c. Executive appointments must be confirmed by the ASUA Senate unless the vacancy is filled through constitutional succession.
- d. Appointments to fill Senate vacancies must be confirmed by a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote of the ASUA Senate.

- e. Appointments to fill Judicial vacancies must be confirmed in accordance with Section 3 of this Article.
- f. During the period of vacancy, responsibilities of the position shall be carried out by the supervising officer or body until the appointment is confirmed.
- g. If a vacancy is not filled within thirty (30) days, the ASUA Senate shall determine whether to extend the appointment process or defer the vacancy to the next general election.
- h. The ASUA Senate shall have the authority to establish additional procedures for filling Legislative Branch vacancies, provided they are consistent with this Constitution.

Article X

Budget and Guaranteed Funding

Section 1. ASUA Budget

- a. The ASUA President shall propose a balanced annual budget for ASUA operations in consultation with the ASUA Executive Vice President, the ASUA Administrative Vice President, and the ASUA Advisor or their designees.
- b. The ASUA budget must be balanced, meaning total expenditures shall not exceed total revenue.
 - i. **Expenditures** refer to all budgeted ASUA spending, including allocations for branches, programs, and services.
 - ii. **Revenue** includes student fees, campus store transfers, program- and service-generated income, and approved rollover funds from previous fiscal years.
- c. The proposed ASUA budget must be approved by a two-thirds majority vote of the ASUA Senate, pending University budget allocations and additional requests. Upon approval, the budget shall govern ASUA operations for the full fiscal year, including the summer, through June 30 of the following year.
- d. If the proposed budget fails to pass, the ASUA President must submit a revised version to the Senate within two (2) weeks for reconsideration and approval.
- e. To ensure continuity of operations, expenditures may be made in accordance with the anticipated budget prior to formal Senate approval, given that it is for ASUA operations only. If modifications are later necessary, the ASUA President and Director shall assess and implement any adjustments.

Section 2. Guaranteed Funding

- a. The total ASUA Senate budget shall be equal to 2.5% of the funding allocation received from the University of Arizona Campus Store for ASUA, not to exceed \$20,000.00.
- b. ASUA Senate scholarships (stipend) shall come from the ASUA general budget.

Article XI

Appointments and Hirings

Section 1. Appointment and Hiring

- a. Appointment and interview committees for ASUA positions shall be conducted and chaired by the responsible ASUA Executive Officer as defined by the ASUA Bylaws. All interviews must include an ASUA Advisor. Additional members may be included when deemed appropriate.
- b. The respective ASUA Executive Officer has final approval with recommendation from the ASUA Advisor.
- c. Appointment and hiring processes must adhere to the University of Arizona human resources & ASUA policies.

Article XII

Impeachment, Termination, and Succession

Section 1: Impeachment

- a. Articles of Impeachment may be brought against any elected ASUA official or ASUA Supreme Court Justice for violations of the ASUA Constitution, ASUA Bylaws, nonfeasance, or malfeasance in office.
- b. Impeachment charges may be initiated by a majority vote of the ASUA Senate or in accordance with the Bylaws if automatic impeachment criteria (e.g., excessive unexcused absences) are met.
- c. The ASUA Supreme Court shall preside over all impeachment trials, except in cases involving a Supreme Court Justice. In such instances, the ASUA Senate shall serve as the trial body.
- d. The full impeachment procedure, including suspension, trial, and outcomes, shall be governed by the ASUA Bylaws.
- e. Any official subject to impeachment shall be suspended from duties pending trial, and vacancies shall be filled in accordance with Article IV. The impeachment trial must commence within fifteen (15) academic days of charges being filed.

Section 2: Termination and Removal for Cause

- a. Any member of ASUA, elected, appointed, or employed, may be removed from their position for cause, in accordance with University of Arizona policies and ASUA Bylaws. Grounds for removal may include, but are not limited to:
 - i. Failure to perform official duties or meet attendance expectations
 - ii. Falsification of official documents
 - iii. Unauthorized disclosure of confidential or restricted information
 - iv. Misuse, theft, or unauthorized use of ASUA or university property
 - v. Violation of University of Arizona policies, including the Student Code of Conduct
 - vi. Breach of ASUA governing documents or behavior detrimental to the mission of ASUA.
 - vii. Failure to maintain GPA or enrollment requirements as outlined in Article II, Section 1.
- b. Removal may be initiated by the hiring area, supervisor, or ASUA Advisor in

- collaboration with the respective Executive Officer or Senate body.
- c. Any individual removed from ASUA for cause shall be ineligible to hold any ASUA-affiliated role for a period of one (1) calendar year from the date of removal, unless otherwise determined by the ASUA Advisor or designee in consultation with ASUA leadership.
 - d. Individuals removed for cause may appeal the decision to the ASUA Supreme Court within ten (10) academic days. Vacancies resulting from termination shall be filled in accordance with Article IV.
 - e. In addition to removal from office, Senators and officers may be subject to stipend reduction or other sanctions as defined in the Senate Bylaws. Such sanctions shall not substitute for, but may accompany, disciplinary action or removal as outlined in this Article.

Section 3. Order of Succession

In the event of an impeachment or resignation of any elected official, please refer to Article IV for procedures regarding succession and vacancies.

ARTICLE XIII

Recall, Legal Initiative, and Referendum

Section 1. Right of Recall

- a. The members of the Associated Students of the University of Arizona retain the right to recall any elected ASUA official.
- b. A recall election shall be held upon submission of a valid petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the student body.
- c. The recall election shall include only the official(s) named in the petition. If the recall is successful, the official's term shall end upon certification of the election results, and a successor shall be elected in accordance with the ASUA Elections Code.
- d. To remove an elected official, at least two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) of the number of students who voted in the original election must participate in the recall election, and a majority of those votes must support the recall.
- e. Students may propose a repeal or amendment of any ASUA Senate action, excluding constitutional amendments, by submitting a petition signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the student body. Upon validation, the Senate must call a special election to vote on the proposed change. A majority of votes cast shall determine the outcome.

Section 2. Right of Legal Initiative

- a. All ASUA members have the right to propose new student policies or changes through a petition process.
- b. If a petition is signed by at least five percent (5%) of the student body, the proposed policy will be added to the ballot in the next general ASUA election.
- c. If a petition is signed by at least ten percent (10%) of the student body, a special election may be held to vote on the proposed policy before the next general election.

Section 3. Referendum Procedure

- a. The ASUA Senate may, by a majority vote, refer proposed legislation or policy changes to the student body for a direct vote through a referendum.
- b. The referendum measure must be publicly posted and accessible to the student body at least ten (10) academic days prior to the scheduled vote. The posting must include the full text of the proposal, a summary, and the voting date(s).
- c. A simple majority (50% +1) of all valid votes cast shall be required for the referendum to pass.
- d. If passed, the results of the referendum shall be binding and must be implemented by the relevant branch of ASUA, unless they conflict with University policy, local, state, or federal law.
- e. The ASUA Elections Commission shall oversee the referendum voting process and certify the results within five (5) academic days of the vote.

Article XIV Amendments

Section 1. Any member of ASUA may propose a change to this Constitution. Proposed amendments must be submitted to the ASUA Senate.

Section 2. A proposed amendment can be placed on the next election ballot in one of two ways:

- a. By receiving a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote of approval from the ASUA Senate, or
- b. By a petition signed by at least 10% of the student body.

Section 3. Proposed amendments must be published at least three (3) times in widely accessible formats (including but not limited to student media, ASUA newsletters, or social media) within two weeks prior to voting. The final publication must occur at least five (5) days before voting begins. Responsibility for ensuring compliance shall rest with the Elections Commission.

Section 4. An amendment is officially adopted if it receives a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) majority vote from students in the election.

Section 5. If needed, the Senate may approve a special election for a constitutional amendment with a simple majority vote.

Section 6. In urgent situations, such as structural changes within the organization, policy misalignment, or procedural inconsistencies, the ASUA Senate may pass a temporary constitutional amendment through a Senate Bill with a two-thirds ($\frac{2}{3}$) vote. This amendment must also receive approval from the ASUA Executive Board and the ASUA Advisor or their designee. If approved, the amendment will remain in effect only until the next general election, at which point it must be placed on the ballot for student body approval in order to become permanent.

Section 7. Non-substantive edits (grammar, numbering, formatting) may be approved by the Senate with advisor confirmation and do not require a student body vote.

Article XV Ratification and Authority

Section 1. This Constitution supersedes all ASUA legislation, mandates, and decisions made before its adoption. It shall govern ASUA operations, subject to the University of Arizona's policies, Arizona Board of Regents' regulations, and state law.

Section 2. Unless otherwise stated in the amendment, all constitutional amendments shall take effect at the start of the next general election cycle. This ensures sufficient time for communication, preparation, and implementation, aligning with the academic calendar and ASUA governance processes. This rule does not apply to changes in the number of Senate seats, which may take effect immediately after approval.

Section 3. The ASUA Senate and Executive Branch shall review the entire Constitution during the Fall 2028 to ensure it remains relevant and effective.